

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 32 fires reported. Very high fire indices were reported in California.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

POWER, Eldorado National Forest. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (McCombs) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Winton) is in place. This fire is 17 miles east of Pioneer, CA in brush and timber. Adverse weather with heavy rain over the fire area resulted in flooding and mudslides.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POWER	CA	ENF	16,800	80	10/21	854	16	51	2	0	5.8M
FREDS	CA	ENF	7,700	100	---	95	3	5	0	0	3.2M

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

HETCHY, Yosemite National Park. This fire is 16 miles northwest of Yosemite Village, CA in brush and timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HETCHY	CA	YNP	2,000	0	10/30	55	1	0	3	0	45K

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. The Team is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. The Team is also continuing pre-use inspections for mobile homes and trailers staged at Saufley Field and supporting the Damage Assessment Team as they continue their housing inspection surveys.

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** An upper trough over the West will bring cool, unsettled weather to most of the region. However, most of the Southwest will remain dry.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Rain and snow heavy at times by afternoon. Snow level lowering to 3000 to 4000 feet after dark.	30s and 40s higher elevations, up to 50s valleys and coast.	Above 50%.	Southeast to southwest 15 to 30 mph gusts 50 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly cloudy with showers.	45 to 60 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 60 to 70 upper deserts. 70 to 80 lower deserts.	60 to 80%.	Southeast to southwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):

- Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
- Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
- Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

● Step 5—Evaluation:

- Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
- Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
- Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
- Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
- Maintain feedback line.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					6		6
Northern California	FIRES					9	3	12
	ACRES					1	5,500	5,501
Southern California	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					7	0	7
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	24	6	32
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14	5,500	5,514

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	57	82	18	496	44	703
	ACRES	7,131	1,193,008	1,967,800	29,835	3,319,410	16	6,517,200
Northwest	FIRES	363	306	38	62	1,747	1,314	3,830
	ACRES	22,675	4,975	1,370	258	18,293	74,778	122,349
Northern California	FIRES	149	87	12	25	2,784	1,025	4,082
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	482	81,925	34,554	126,086
Southern California	FIRES	39	113	35	38	2,993	803	4,021
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,867	5,095	67,118	11,581	92,422
Northern Rockies	FIRES	990	63	20	13	788	851	2,725
	ACRES	6,562	1,564	1,093	4	17,985	10,589	37,797
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	873	2	47	581	732	2,297
	ACRES	522	41,396	1	60	8,802	37,605	88,386
Western Great Basin	FIRES	26	635	13	18	109	152	953
	ACRES	364	22,434	2,666	71	7,885	6,363	39,783
Southwest	FIRES	731	178	5	82	683	1,760	3,439
	ACRES	5,287	6,130	201	516	7,053	282,491	301,678
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	467	37	50	457	471	1,818
	ACRES	5,465	5,002	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,266
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	31	10,720	506	11,800
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	110	82,730	5,823	96,207
Southern Area	FIRES	140		66	44	25,958	612	26,820
	ACRES	16,015		21,236	3,468	330,586	73,638	444,943
TOTAL	FIRES	3,337	2,779	358	428	47,316	8,270	62,488
	ACRES	69,994	1,289,488	1,999,985	39,936	3,966,218	545,496	7,911,117

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>71,243</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,195,707</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						230	230
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						29	29
Southern California	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		16				11	27
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		17					17
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						750	750
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,578	1,578
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	237	238
	ACRES	0	33	0	0	0	2,368	2,401

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	44	92	68	1		606	811
	ACRES	8,540	20,784	5,882	30		76,591	111,827
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	21	22		196	292
	ACRES	251	2,097	17,510	4,691		25,218	49,767
Southern California	FIRES		5	21	15		77	118
	ACRES		43	2,086	981		6,224	9,334
Northern Rockies	FIRES	43	10	110	4	101	676	944
	ACRES	2,761	2,935	20,581	1,047	4,405	52,371	84,100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	5	5	26	91	162
	ACRES	149	15,375	2,449	4,753	3,575	32,087	58,388
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,432	541	414		971	4,358
Southwest	FIRES	28	15	7	16		454	520
	ACRES	7,451	4,648	12,769	11,406		98,377	134,651
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	51	54	165	19	14	143	446
	ACRES	7,151	16,876	24,661	13,864	3,349	54,620	120,521
Eastern Area	FIRES	28		375	23	1,104	244	1,774
	ACRES	15,104		45,479	4,443	74,884	37,311	177,221
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	81	395	1,169	1,900
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,003,586	1,403,364
TOTAL	FIRES	260	260	981	189	1,645	3,661	6,996
	ACRES	49,910	98,190	223,809	128,281	321,886	1,387,356	2,209,432

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				66,917			66,917
Northwest	FIRES				5		13	18
	ACRES				200		1,871	2,071
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,712		222	4,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	49	50
	ACRES				0	10	13,499	13,509
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				10		28	38
	ACRES				1,703		14,820	16,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	43	3	63	0	165	274
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	81,140	2,281	33,436	124,642

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1	2			4					
Northern California	25	1	75	3	2	2			114	159
Southern California	1		1		1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			3							
Eastern Area									2	3
Southern Area									69	45
Total	27	3	79	3	7	2	0	0	185	207

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